

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) A method comprising:

providing an assembly of a blank sheet and a hinge strip, the hinge strip including a mounting strip having a plurality of mounting holes therein and first and second connecting strips, the first and second connecting strips formed of a dissimilar material from the mounting strip, wherein the first connecting strip is a separate component from the second connecting strip, the mounting strip spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the blank sheet, the first connecting strip having a first end portion adhesively attached to a first side of the mounting strip and having a second end portion adhesively attached to the blank sheet along a first side of the blank sheet and spanning the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet, and the second connecting strip having a first end portion adhesively attached to a second side of the mounting strip and having a second end portion adhesively attached to the blank sheet along a second side of the blank sheet and spanning the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet;

sending the assembly through a printer to print a photographic image on the blank sheet; and

mounting the assembly in an album using the mounting strip.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is cotton rag paper material.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is an uncoated, unbleached paper.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the assembly through the printer to print an image on the sheet includes printing an image such that the image becomes integral with the paper.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the assembly through the printer to print an image on the sheet includes sending the assembly through a desktop digital printer.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein mounting the assembly in an album includes using the mounting holes.

10-14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the gap has a width in the range of about 0.375 inches.

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet comprises a photo-grade material.

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A method of providing a ready-to-bind photo sheet, the method comprising:

providing a blank photo-grade sheet, a mounting strip, a first connecting strip formed of a first strip of flexible polymeric film, and a second connecting strip formed of a second

strip of flexible polymeric film discontinuous from the first strip of flexible polymeric film, the mounting strip formed of a dissimilar material from the first and second connecting strips;

positioning the mounting strip along an edge of the blank sheet and spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the blank sheet, the mounting strip including a plurality of mounting holes for mounting the assembly in a photo album, and

adhesively attaching the first connecting strip formed of a flexible polymeric film along a first side of the blank sheet;

adhesively attaching the first connecting strip to the mounting strip along a first side of the mounting strip, such that the first connecting strip spans the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet;

adhesively attaching the second connecting strip formed of a flexible polymeric film along a second side of the blank sheet; and

adhesively attaching the second connecting strip to the mounting strip along a second side of the mounting strip, such that the second connecting strip spans the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet.

20-21. (cancelled)